



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF FORT WAYNE
Snider High School & Glenwood Park Sewer Separation Project
SRF # WW 11 17 01 06

Date: August 20, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the city's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Snider High School and Glenwood Park
Sewer Separation Project**
City of Fort Wayne
200 East Berry Street, Suite 270
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

SRF Project Number: WW11 17 01 06

Authorized Representative: Kumar Menon
Director of Public Works and Utilities

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project area is in the Fort Wayne East USGS quadrangle, St. Joseph Township, T31N, R13E, sections 29, 32 and 33; see Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Separating sewers in this area will reduce storm water flow to Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 061. This project is part of the city's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) – CSO Control Measure #4 to complete partial cost-effective sewer separation projects in sewer subbasins that will have planned satellite storage/disinfection technologies.

The city rejected the "No Action" alternative, since the city would not be in compliance with its LTCP or the Consent Decree between the city, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the EPA.

The city rejected optimal operation of the existing sewer system as an alternative, since the city already operates and maintains the combined sewer system as effectively as possible.

The selected alternative proposes installing storm sewers in Glenwood Park on Reed Road, Woodstock Drive, Trent Drive, Willard Drive, Kingsley Drive, and Vance Avenue. The new storm sewers will pick up the inlets and catch basins that are currently connected to the combined sewer system. Snider High School will also be partially separated.

This alternative proposes installing an infiltration ditch and approximately 6,300 feet of 12- through 54-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe, 66 inlet structures, and 33 manholes ranging in size from 48- to 96-inches in diameter. The infiltration ditch will be used to raise the elevation of the existing

ditch that will no longer have any flow, but will continue to accept sheet flow from Reed Road. The new infiltration ditch will be connected to the proposed storm sewer in Reed Road. The city will relocate approximately 900 feet of 4- and 6-inch service laterals, 15 feet of 24-inch sanitary sewer and 40 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewers. The new storm sewers will discharge to an existing 60-inch sewer just south of the intersection of Reed Road and Dodge Avenue; see Figure 2.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The total estimated cost for the proposed project is \$2,150,000. The city will borrow approximately that amount from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing. The city has adjusted, and will continue to adjust, its rates and charges in order to pay for this project and debt service.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

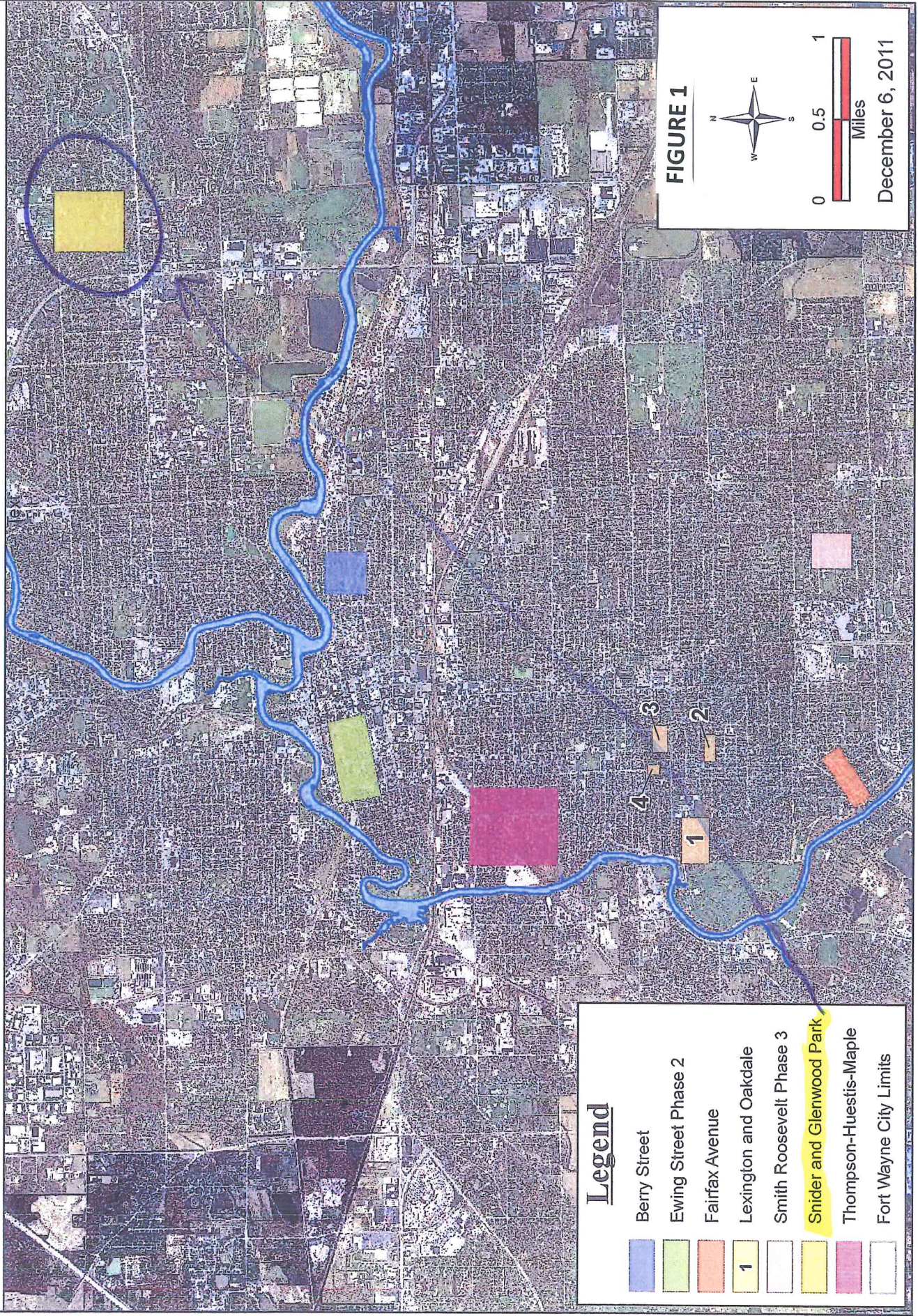
The proposed sewer separation project will be constructed within pavement or in areas previously disturbed by other construction. The project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, surface waters, 100-year flood plain or prime farmland. The proposed infiltration ditch will be located in an existing man-made ditch.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish, or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected"; see Figure 3.

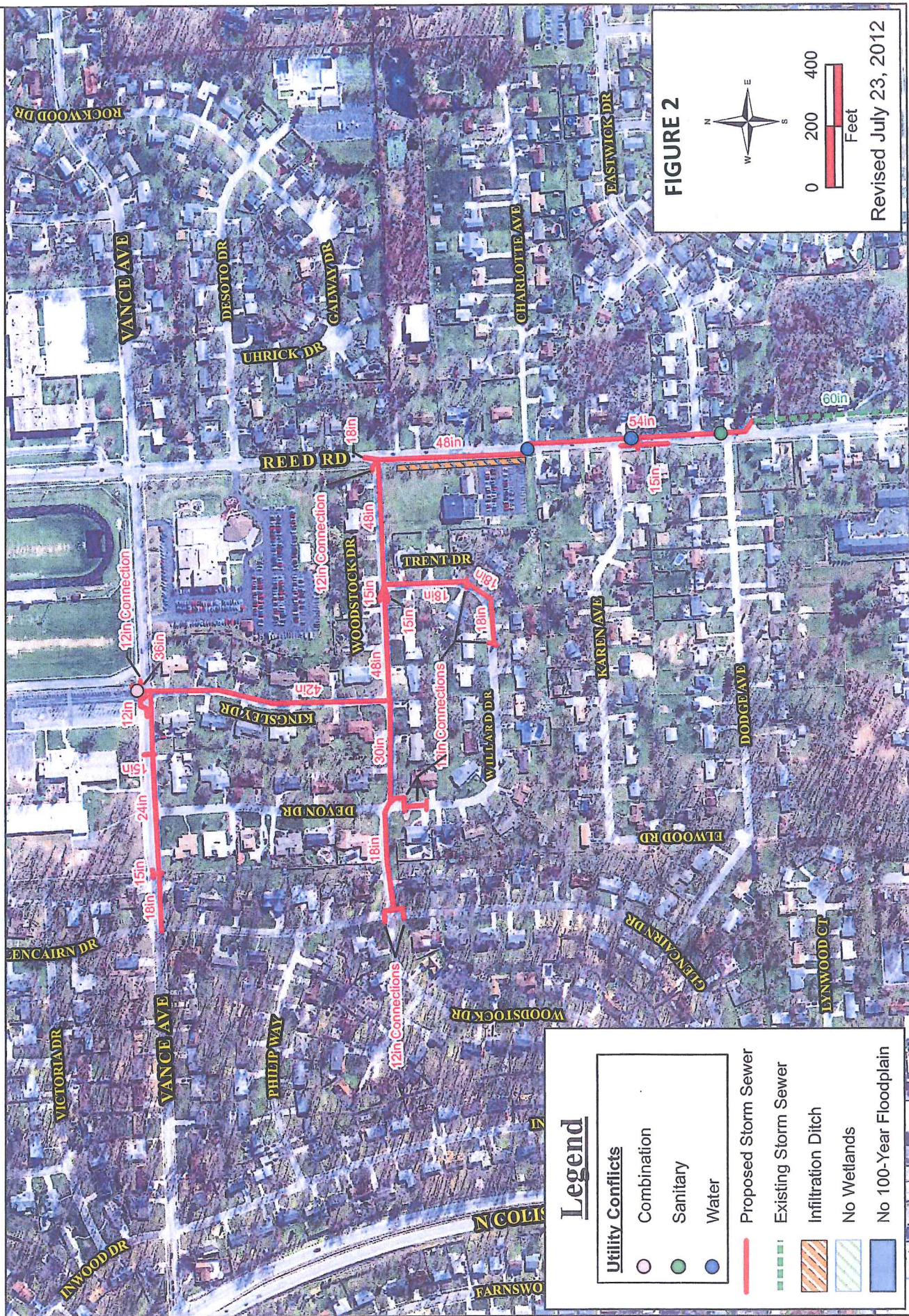
VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing to discuss the Fort Wayne wastewater projects was held on January 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 035, Citizens Square at 200 East Main Street. No members of the public were present. No negative comments on this project were voiced at the public hearing, and no written comments were submitted in the five-day period following the hearing.

SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT LOCATIONS



SNIDER HIGH SCHOOL AND GLENWOOD



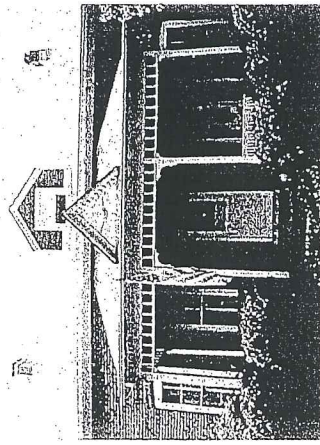
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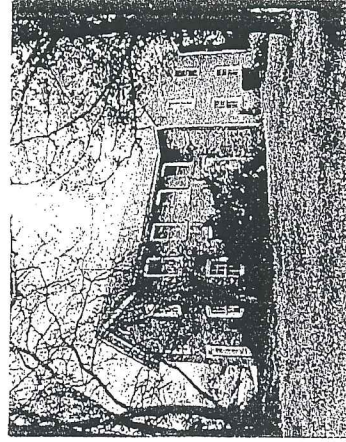
No. Rtg. Description

- 001 N Buesching House, 4166 Trier Rd.; One-and-a-half Cottage/Queen Anne porch, c.1860/c.1882, outbuildings; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction



12001

- 002 C House, 4817 East State Blvd.; Cross Gable/Greek Revival influence, c.1855/c.1860, summer kitchen, c.1870; Vernacular/Construction



12002

- 003 C F.W. Gerke House, 3514 Reed Rd.; Gabled ell/Italianate/Queen Anne house, 1898, outbuildings; Agriculture, Architecture, Vernacular/Construction

FIGURE 3: from Fort Wayne Interim Report
Historic Sites and Structures Inventory